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SUBJ: KING FAISAL'S INTEREST IN STOPPING IN U.S. AFTER

HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA IN FEBRUARY

1. ON NOVEMBER 24,
THE CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, AHMED
'ABD AL-WAHAB, MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT KING
FAISAL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN STOPPING OFF IN WASHINGTON
AFTER HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA IN FEB-
RUARY. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BROACHED THE IDEA IN A GENERAL
WAY BUT THIS TIME HE WAS SPECIFIC IN MENTIONING FEBRUARY
15 OR 16 AS POSSIBLE DATES.

2. 'ABD AL-WAHAB (WHO, WE ARE CONFIDENT IS REFLECTING
THE KING'S INTEREST IN A VISIT) IS NOT RPT NOT PROPOSING
AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THE KING WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT TO
BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND TO BE ENTERTAINED BY
HIM AT, FOR INSTANCE, A SMALL WORKING LUNCHEON.

3. RECOMMENDATION: IF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE PERMITS,
THAT THE AMBASSADOR BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND TO KING
FAISAL THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO PAY AN UNOFFICIAL
VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 15 OR 16.

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